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Reflective spatial light modulator array including a light blocking layer –

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ABSTRACT

A reflective spatial light modulator array is described incorporating liquid crystal devices, mirrors, a semiconductor substrate, electrical circuits, and a light blocking layer. The light blocking layer can be a reflector/absorber layer containing titanium for blocking light. The light blocking layer can be a layer resulting in attenuation of incident light below a certain level at the semiconductor substrate. The invention overcomes the problem of shielding light from semiconductor devices, high optical throughput and contrast, pixel storage capacitance to hold the voltage across the liquid crystal device and precise control of the liquid crystal device thickness without spacers obscuring the mirrors.